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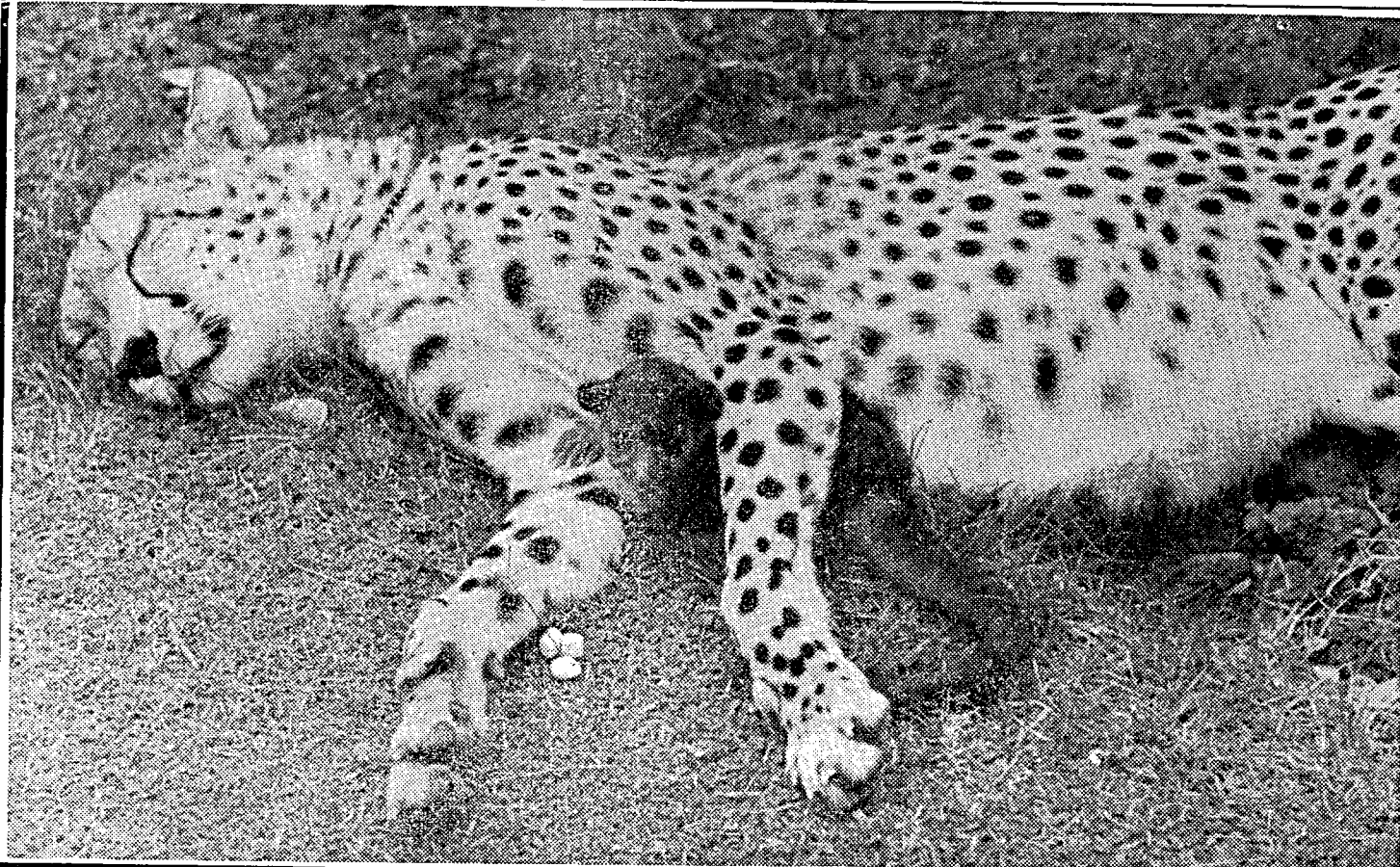
## HAPPY LANDING

THE engine-driver of a Russian train in the Udmurtia district, between Moscow and the Ural Mountains, had an encounter with a parachutist recently.

He saw the 'chute, with a figure dangling from it, apparently about to come down on the tracks some distance in front.

The wind was blowing towards the train and as the dangling figure drifted towards him, the driver jammed on his brakes and the parachutist disappeared overhead.

When he had brought his train to a halt, the driver jumped down and saw a girl sitting on the roof of the first goods wagon. She belonged to a local parachute club and had made another happy landing!

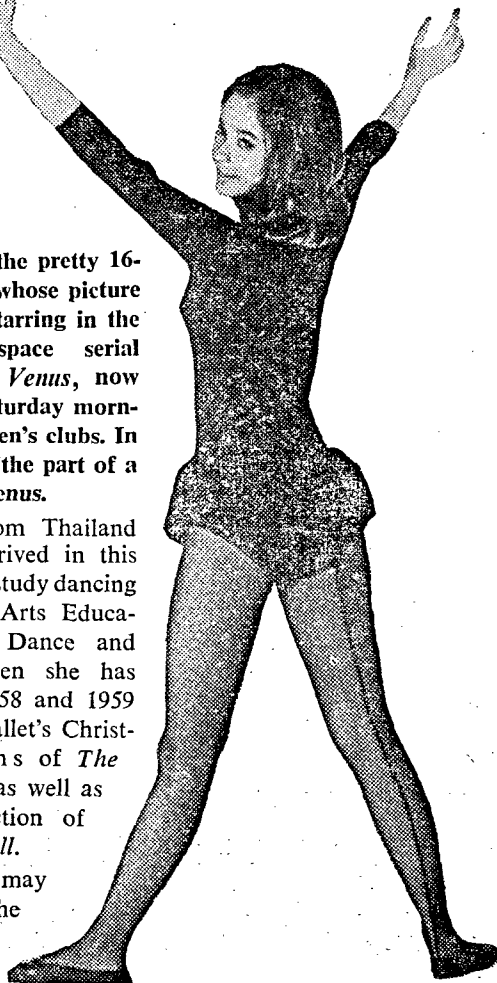


## The Star from Siam

ZENIA Merton, the pretty 16-year-old girl whose picture we show here, is starring in the new eight-part space serial called *Masters of Venus*, now being shown on Saturday mornings at Rank children's clubs. In the serial she plays the part of a girl who lives on Venus.

Zenia comes from Thailand (Siam) and she arrived in this country in 1957 to study dancing and ballet at the Arts Educational School of Dance and Drama. Since then she has appeared in the 1958 and 1959 London Festival Ballet's Christmas productions of *The Nutcracker Ballet*, as well as in a stage production of *Toad of Toad Hall*.

This new serial may well put her on the next rung of the ladder to success.



## Mystery in the Australian Bush

A STRANGE metal object was found in a remote part of New South Wales. It was about 14 inches in diameter.

The Army was called in, and took this thing to the Weapons Research Station at Salisbury, near Adelaide. There it was found to be hollow, but hard enough to resist files and hacksaws. Its surface had a bubbly appearance, as though it had been subjected to great heat.

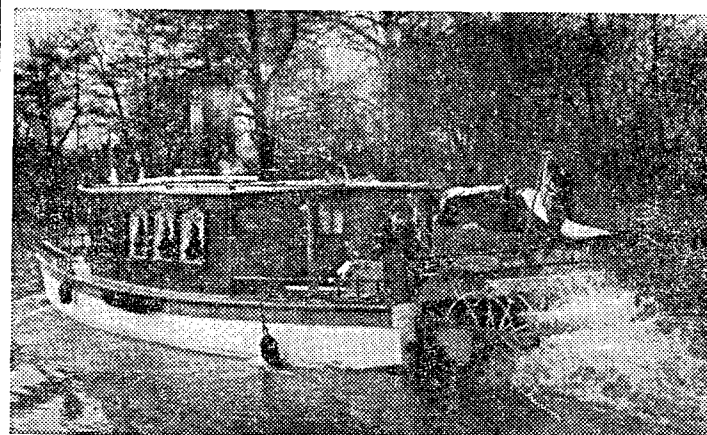
Now it has been identified as the remains of an artificial satellite. How it survived the tremendous heat caused by friction as it re-entered the Earth's atmosphere and hurtled down, was described as a "million-to-one chance" by the Australian Minister for Supply.

We hope he is right. With all the satellites now whizzing round the Earth, we don't want any of them bouncing off our roof!

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## BEST OF FRIENDS

HERE'S Jate, a 90-pound cheetah, and his friend Koto, a kinkajou, which is a kind of racoon from South America. Both belong to a family in California who have made it a practice to domesticate wild animals of all kinds. They received Jate as a kitten, and he's now 7½ years old. When Koto joined the family recently, he took an instant liking to Jate, and they have since become inseparable.



## Steaming Down The River

OUR picture shows you a boat you're not likely to see anywhere else in the world—a miniature version of one of the famous Mississippi steamboats. It's called the *Guildford Belle*, and it was built by Mr. F. C. Mitchell, of Dorking, Surrey. The boat is powered by a steam engine, and is large enough to take the family for weekend trips. This picture shows them on a Sunday trip down the River Wey, in Surrey.



# Readers' Letters

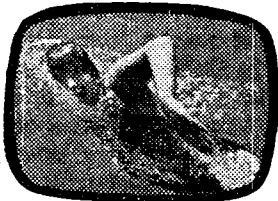
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Dear Sir,—I will be very happy if you will publish this letter.

I am a 17-year-old boy, schooling in an English school. My interests are: stamp-exchanging, view cards, and friendly correspondence.

I will endeavour to answer as many letters as I can.

Lawrence Ng, 73 Kuala Kangsar Road, Ipoh, Perak, Malaya.

### There's a Catch in This!

Dear Sir,—Harvey Torbett says (issue dated 4th May) that true anglers nowadays return their fish to the water alive. This may be so in England but, as far as I know, Scottish anglers, who catch mostly trout or salmon, bring home their catch for themselves or their friends to eat!

S. Cran (12), Edinburgh.

### A Peaceful World

Dear Sir,—I find your recent issues contain an excessive number of articles connected with the Forces, so much so that your paper seems to be becoming an advertisement for them. It is noticeable that your last three issues have contained such articles, all on the front page.

In your issue of 4th May, half the front page is taken by a photograph of HMS *Dreadnought*—a "wonderful new vessel," you claim. Technically it is, but you make no mention of its real purpose, the readiness to cause destruction and unfold suffering to millions of innocent people.

We should be ashamed, not proud, of this latest development in the nuclear arms race. CN readers are, or should be, more interested in making a peaceful world with understanding between nations.

Martin T. Aitken (15), Letchworth, Herts.

I should be interested to hear the views of other readers on this subject. Editor.

### Home of Civil War Royalists

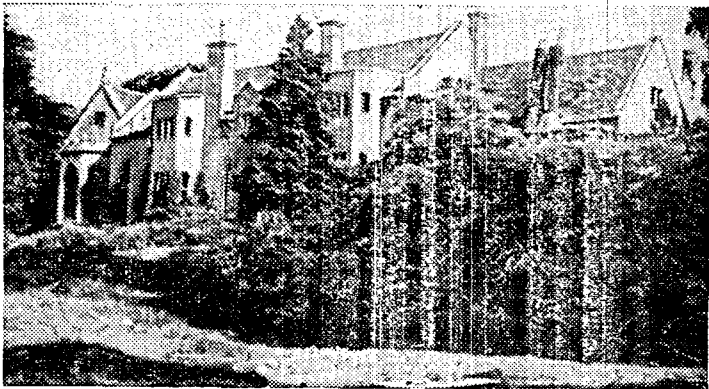
Dear Sir,—Readers who are interested in history may like to know that in Leckhampton, where I live, we have a manor house, now known as Leckhampton Court, which was built in the 14th century. The manor is now a school, but it has been the home of the Gifford and, later, the Norwood families.

In the nearby church of St. Peter's there are monuments to members of both these families, including one to Colonel Henry Norwood, who was a Royalist in the Civil War and who had a

most adventurous life. On one of the tower buttresses of the church is a scratch dial. It was used by the village folk some 600 years ago to learn the time of Mass. It is a rare dial with 24 rays clearly cut round the central hole.

In the village there was a small thatched cottage said to have sheltered Cromwell when he raised the siege of Gloucester. Unfortunately it was demolished in 1962 and is being replaced by four bungalows.

Michael Launchbury (13), Cheltenham.



Leckhampton Court, 14th century manor house now used as a school.

## KNOW YOUR NEWS

# WEST IRIAN—NEW NAME ON THE MAP

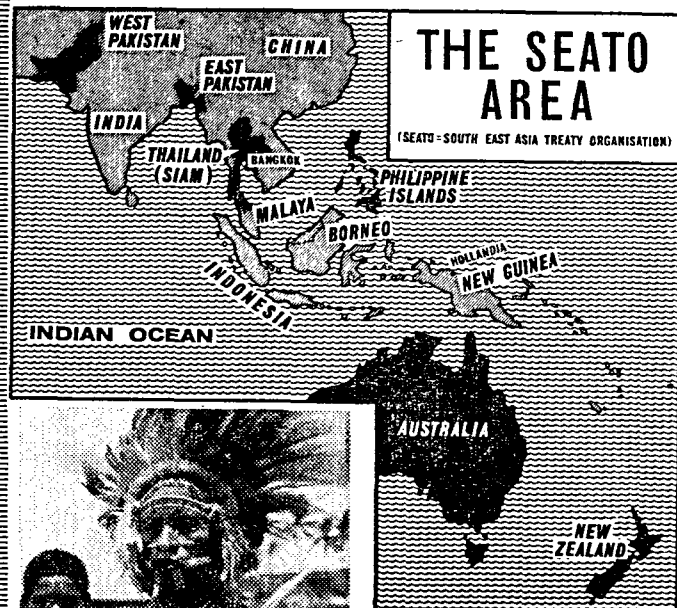
By our Special Correspondent

IN future, maps and gazetteers will drop the name of Dutch New Guinea and substitute a new name—WEST IRIAN.

On 1st May the western part of New Guinea passed from Dutch rule to the Indonesian republic.

Indonesia is a jig-saw of islands dividing Australia from South-east Asia. For three centuries they were controlled by Holland. Then, in 1941, the Japanese overran them.

After the war, when the Japanese had been thrown out, the



Map showing (in black) the SEATO countries, and (left) a New Guinea warrior.



SEATO — the eight-nation South-East Asia Treaty Organisation consisting of Britain, USA, France, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Thailand (Siam)—is worried.

For SEATO, with headquarters in Bangkok, is pledged to defend any member whose interests are attacked.

Indonesia's immediate neighbours are, of course, troubled most.

AUSTRALIA runs the rest of New Guinea, which Dr. Sukarno already calls "East Irian." A hostile Power holding this territory would be less than 100 miles from Australia.

BRITAIN is about to hand over North Borneo colony and adjoining Sarawak and Brunei to the new Malaysia Federation. But Indonesia bitterly opposes this.

Does Indonesia want all these territories? President Sukarno says all he wants is to save them from being colonies of other countries.

Only time will tell.

Dutch expected to return. But a shrewd Nationalist leader, Dr. Ahmed Sukarno, had arisen during the war, and he was determined to free his country from Western Colonialism.

The Dutch subjects in this wild and swampy land, the size of France, consisted of 770,000 Papuans still living in Stone Age conditions.

In the end, Holland withdrew after United Nations' "referees" had intervened to avoid what threatened to become a war between Holland and Indonesia.

### Uneasy situation

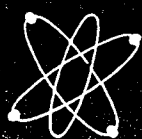
President Sukarno has now replaced Dutch troops with 15,000 soldiers of his own.

The United Nations is a little uneasy about the situation. Even as Russian-built jet bombers roared out a salute on "Take-over Day" above the old Dutch capital of Hollandia (now renamed Kota Baru, meaning New Town), it was announced that a few UN experts will visit West Irian from time to time, just to see how things are getting along.



President Ahmed Sukarno





## SCIENCE SURVEY

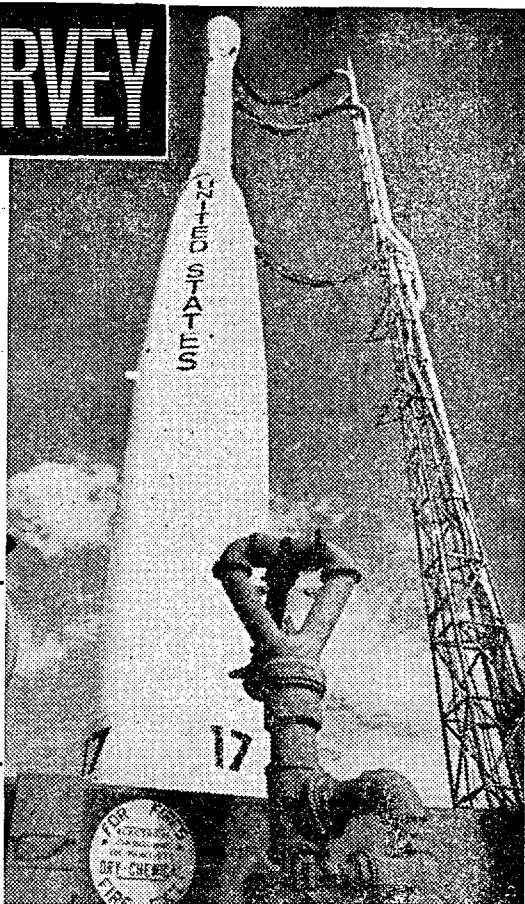
### An Explorer in Earth's upper Atmosphere

AMERICA'S newest satellite, *Explorer 17*, has already more than doubled the existing data on the Earth's rarified upper atmosphere.

*Explorer 17*, which was put into orbit on 2nd April, is measuring the upper atmosphere's composition, density, pressure, and temperature. This atmosphere is almost a vacuum, but *Explorer's* sensitive instruments can detect the occasional molecules of helium, nitrogen, and oxygen present.

Though a basic research vehicle, *Explorer 17* is also expected to give very precise pressure findings on which to calculate the re-entry paths for future manned spacecraft returning to Earth.

Poised on its launching pad—the huge space rocket which hurled *Explorer 17* into orbit in April



### ELECTRICITY FROM THE MOON

SOVIET scientists have prepared plans for building an eternal power station on the Moon, which could beam electricity to the Earth in the form of a thin ray of light energy.

The power station will have huge mirrors which would focus the Sun's rays on a special device to convert their energy into electricity. The station would have an output hundreds of thousands of times larger than that of any power station on Earth.

## Mary and Susan—Safety First



Mary Wright

WHEN Mary Wright and Susan Carter, of the Howard of Effingham Secondary School, Surrey, read of the work done on Accident Prevention and Life Saving, they decided to send along their own ideas.



Susan Carter

This is just the kind of youthful enterprise likely to interest the Duke of Edinburgh and the Minister of Transport, Mr. Marples, who was interested by a Convention on Accident Prevention at the Royal College of Surgeons this week.

Both girls think emphasis on road safety gives people a false sense of security in the home, so here are some of the other points they made:—

Where there are young children at home, use fireguards but *never* as a clothes-airer. Dress them in non-inflammable material. Hang the mirror anywhere than over the fireplace—and never leave matches or cigarette lighters about;

Turn all saucepan handles to the back of the stove and put that freshly-made pot of tea and hot water jug where only *you* can reach them;

Pins, beads, or anything a child might want to put in its mouth, should be kept out of sight, and pills and medicines locked away;

Never give a child a polythene bag to play with, or leave one where it is within reach;

Use non-slip floor polish, and never polish underneath rugs;

Have some kind of guard at the top of the stairs, and nursery bars at the windows, where possible. And never, *never*, leave young children alone in the house.

For adults and the elderly: check step-ladders and chairs. If they're rickety, they're unsafe to use. Have electric points conveniently placed to avoid the danger of trailing flex.

And finally, should an accident occur, a knowledge of First Aid could mean the difference between life and death.

### Vitamin cure—for books!

SOME Benedictine monks in Rome are repairing and restoring many of the world's priceless and irreplaceable ancient books with the help of vitamins.

Injected in the crumbling leaves of ageing books, the vitamins have a remarkable effect in arresting the break-up of the pages. But this is still only the first stage in a long and patient job, which also calls for many delicate operations of stitching, besides identifying and replacing broken fragments.

This new injection system replaces a former method of immersion in a gelatine bath, which, unlike the new method, was unable to discriminate chemically between areas requiring more treatment than others.

### CHILDREN'S ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

A JUNIOR Academy of Sciences for children has been set up at Simferopol in the Crimea, in Russia.

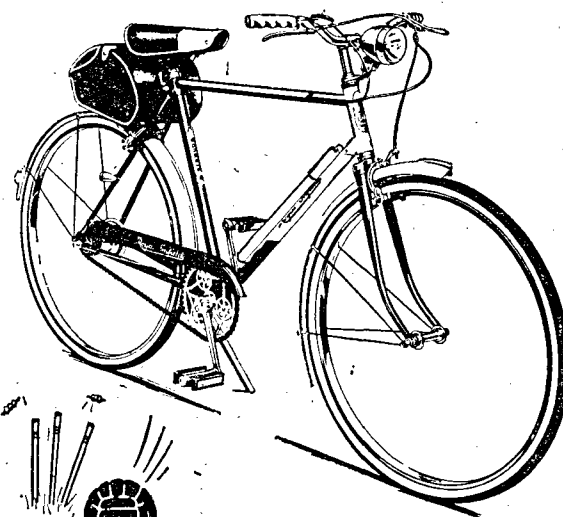
Most of the children who have joined this school are under 16. To become members they had to reach a certain standard in mathematics and electrical techniques, and had to offer scientific work for consideration to a special board.

### Miniature T V

A JAPANESE firm is now producing what is claimed to be the world's smallest and lightest television set. It has a five-inch screen, weighs only eight pounds, and can be used either from electric mains or a battery.

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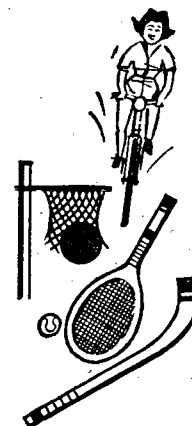
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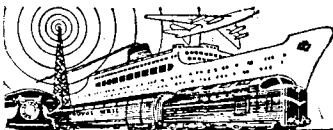
World



## THE BUILDING WITHOUT WINDOWS

One of the most striking buildings in the world, this library is part of the University of Mexico City. The elaborate mosaics on its windowless walls are the work of a Mexican artist named Juan O'Gorman.

## Briefly . . .



### Preparing for the future

As an experiment in living like an astronaut, an American research student spent five months alone in a room only 12 feet square.

The Goodwill Message of the Youth of Wales to the Youth of the World will be broadcast on 18th May.

In a recent general election the people of the Fiji Islands in the South Pacific voted in favour of the colony's link with Britain.

About five million bees are being flown to Britain from America to re-stock hives which suffered during the severe winter.

### Nessie again

Two members of the Women's Voluntary Service claim to have seen the Loch Ness monster. They said it had three grey humps, and that they watched it for about two minutes before it submerged.

Old paddle steamers are popular with visitors on the Rhine. The favourite is the Rheingold, which dates from 1902.

Britain's only sea-elephants—four young ones—arrived recently at Southampton. They have been imported by Mr. Jimmy Chipperfield. Among the biggest of the seal family, their home is in the Indian and Southern Oceans.

## LEAN PERIOD FOR PISA'S TOWER

Every year the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa leans a little farther, and now it may collapse at any moment, according to one of the experts appointed to watch its movements. He says the disaster could be due to ever-increasing pressure of the soil on its foundations. Another says it is bent as well—"like a banana."

Some years ago thousands of tons of concrete were poured into the base of the tower, but it still went on leaning farther, at the rate of .046 of an inch annually. Experts predicted, however, that it would not be in danger before the year 2100. Now they urge immediate measures to save it.

The suggestion was once made that the Tower should be dismantled stone by stone and rebuilt. But, it was objected, who would want to come to Pisa to see a straight Tower?

## Tricky behaviour

A student of animal behaviour at Hot Springs, in the American State of Arkansas, has taught his odd assortment of pets so many tricks that people come from far and wide to see them.

Geese play drums, and hens play baseball and walk the tight-rope. Rollo the cock starts a juke box and dances to the music. Priscilla the young pig knows how to put coins into a money-box. But the "star" of the establishment is Peter the rabbit, who takes photographs of visitors.

Their master's purpose is to study their mental reactions while they are learning.

## The Children's Forest

One hundred and fifty Paris schoolboys and girls went to the Bois de Vincennes, a city park, to plant "The Forest of the Children of Paris." They were winners in a competition run by an organisation which aims at keeping the city clean and tidy.

They planted their miniature forest in the shape of Paris itself, a curving pathway representing the

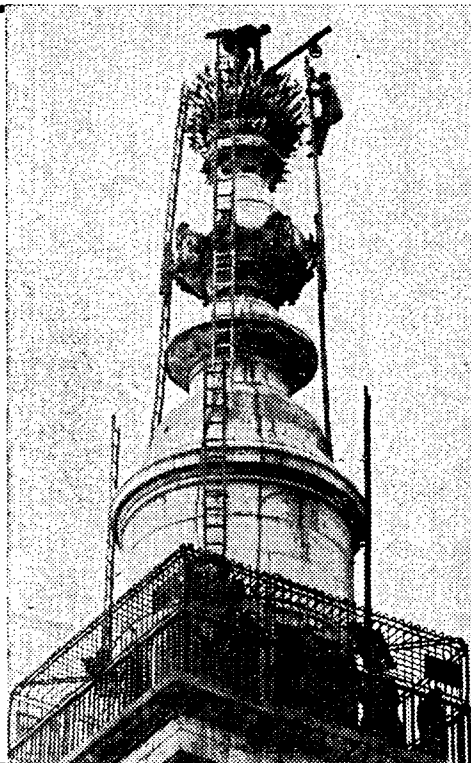
River Seine, and smaller pathways dividing the wood into sections representing the city's 20 districts. Among the saplings planted were oaks, beeches, birches, and pines.

Afterwards the youngsters went to the Hôtel de Ville (the "town hall" of Paris) for a meal and to receive prizes for their efforts in the "keep Paris tidy" campaign.

**WHAT?  
WHERE?  
WHEN?  
WHY?**

What structure is this? Where is it? When was it built? And why?

Answer on page 11



## Two Girls and a Horse

It will be a long time before young Linda Blaber and Michelle Thomas of Eastbourne stop talking about the day they found a horse and took it home for supper.

One Saturday they went for a walk and about a mile and a half from their homes they met the horse, Nipper. They played with him for an hour or so and then, "because he looked so lonely," they decided to take him home. Linda put her skipping rope through his bridle and led him through the streets.

It was after dark when Michelle's mother heard the clippety-clop of Nipper outside her home. She had already informed the police of the girls' absence and a search was on.

Michelle was all for leading Nipper down the alley at the side of her home and for keeping him in the back yard. She was sure he liked them. They had taught him to "go" and "stop" and they were sure he could learn some more tricks.

But a policeman who had to be called pointed out that even a horse as friendly as Nipper could not be expected to live in a small back yard—and, besides, he belonged to someone else.

## NOUVELLES DE FRANCE

Sur la Saône, baigneurs, canoteurs, skieurs nautiques, et pilotes de hors-bord sont regardés comme des ennemis nés par les pêcheurs. Ceux-ci attendent avec impatience que soit mis en discussion et voté, le projet de loi élaboré par le Conseil supérieur de la pêche.

Ce projet va certainement faire contre lui la presque unanimité des vacanciers, car il demande la limitation de la vitesse des bateaux à moteur, assortie d'une distance minimale de la rive; l'interdiction des hors-bord pendant la période de frai, du 15 avril au 15 juin; l'immatriculation des embarcations visible depuis la rive; et le permis de conduire obligatoire.

A 10s. 6d. book token will be awarded for what the Editor considers the best translation received by Wednesday, 22nd May. Send to: Nouvelles de France, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4. 27th April winner: R. Wilson, 19 Westfield, Old Town, Hebden Bridge, Yorks.

## MEALS FOR SEALS

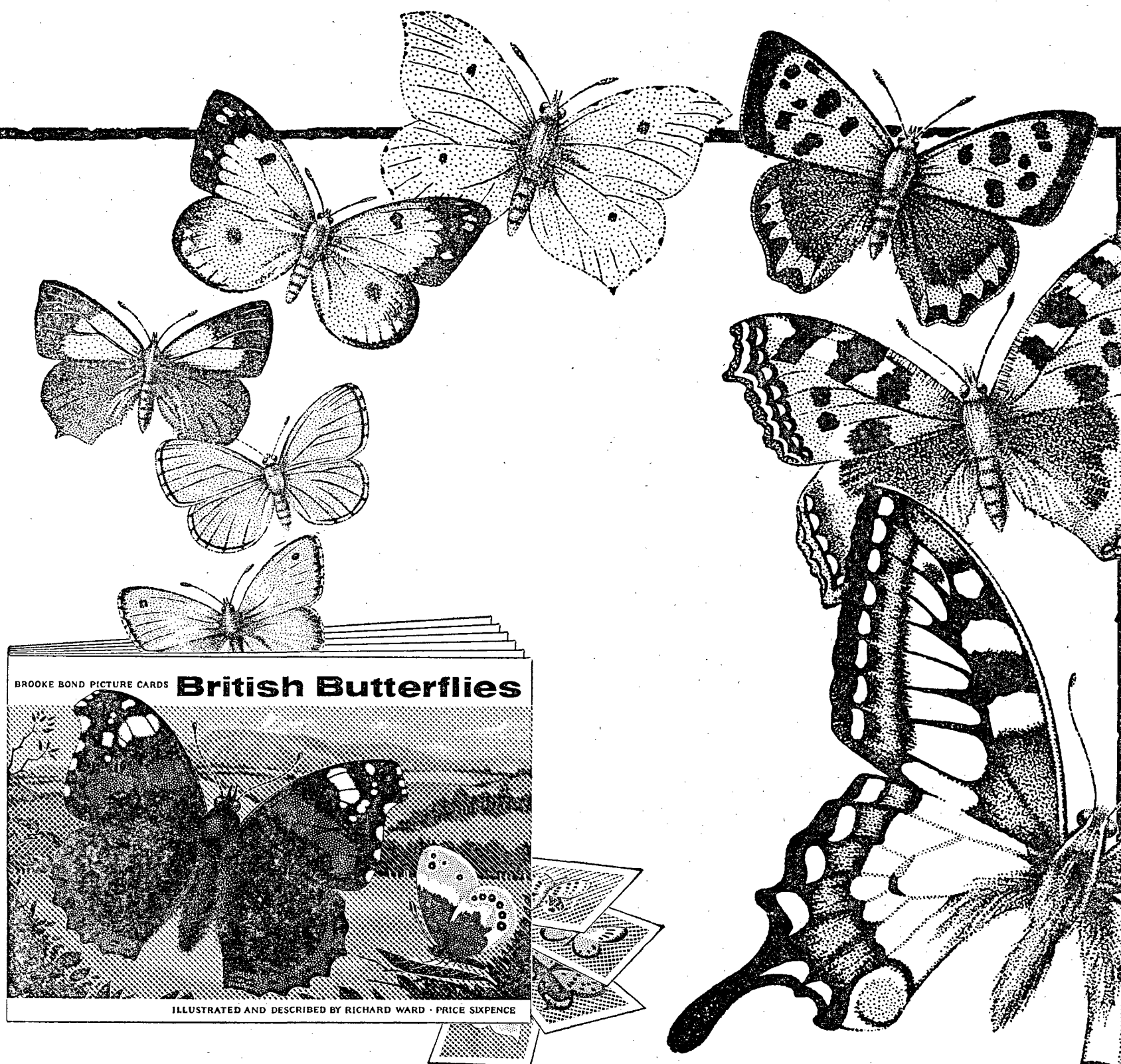
Sailors on a Russian ice-breaker cutting its way through a wide expanse of ice saw a group of seals apparently weak from starvation. Evidently the animals had climbed on to a small floe which had afterwards become part of a solid mass of ice, so that they could not return to the water to catch fish.

Taken on board and given frozen fish and milk, the seals soon revived and made themselves quite at home. And when the ship reached the open sea they were not at all inclined to say goodbye. The vessel stopped and the sailors put them into the water. But they kept trying to climb back up the ladder for another helping, until the ship got under way again.

## How to live rent free

Unable to find a home, an Austrian and his wife, both amateur cave explorers, decided to live in some caves near Graz. They have just left them after spending 18 months among the stalactites and stalagmites with only owls for company.





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## How We Run Our Country

# COUNCIL COMMITTEES



A committee studies models for a town-planning scheme

**L**AST WEEK we saw that a good deal of the work of a council meeting was to discuss the reports of the various committees. The tasks of a local authority are very mixed.

In a *small* area the council may consist of no more than 20 or 30 members. It would, therefore, be quite possible for its business to be done by the council itself at a few meetings a year.

But the council of a very *large* area could not carry on efficiently in this way. Most local authorities, therefore, appoint committees.

Usually it is the case that the fewer the number of persons who have to deal with a job, the quicker that job gets done. A committee of, say, twelve people is more likely to deal quickly with a situation than a council of a hundred.

The members of a committee need not all be members of the appointing council. Normally two out of every three of the members of a committee must be members of the council. The others will be people who are interested in the particular work and have some special experience of it.

There are several types of committee. First of all, there are *statutory* committees whose appointment is demanded by statute—that is, by a law established by Parliament. For example, local authorities which are responsible for education must have an Education Committee and, therefore, we would call this a statutory committee.

### Houses and Highways

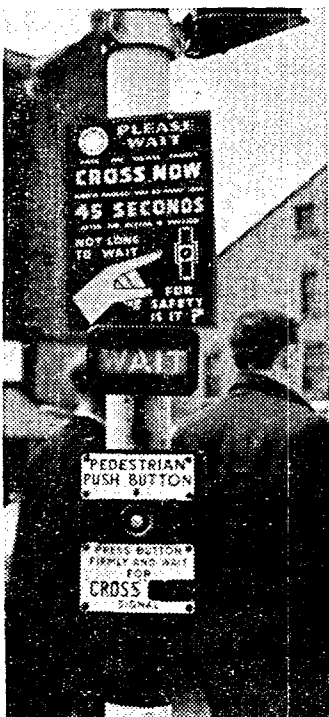
Apart from such committees, each council will decide for itself what other committees it appoints. A council which looks after housing will appoint a Housing Committee; one which looks after roads and bridges will appoint a Highways Committee, and so on. These committees are usually called *standing* or permanent committees.

Sometimes two or more councils may do a certain work between them. In this case a *joint* committee will be set up. Usually Town and Country Planning Committees are of this kind.

### Temporary work

From time to time, *special* committees are appointed to deal with some unusual or temporary piece of work such as the local carnival.

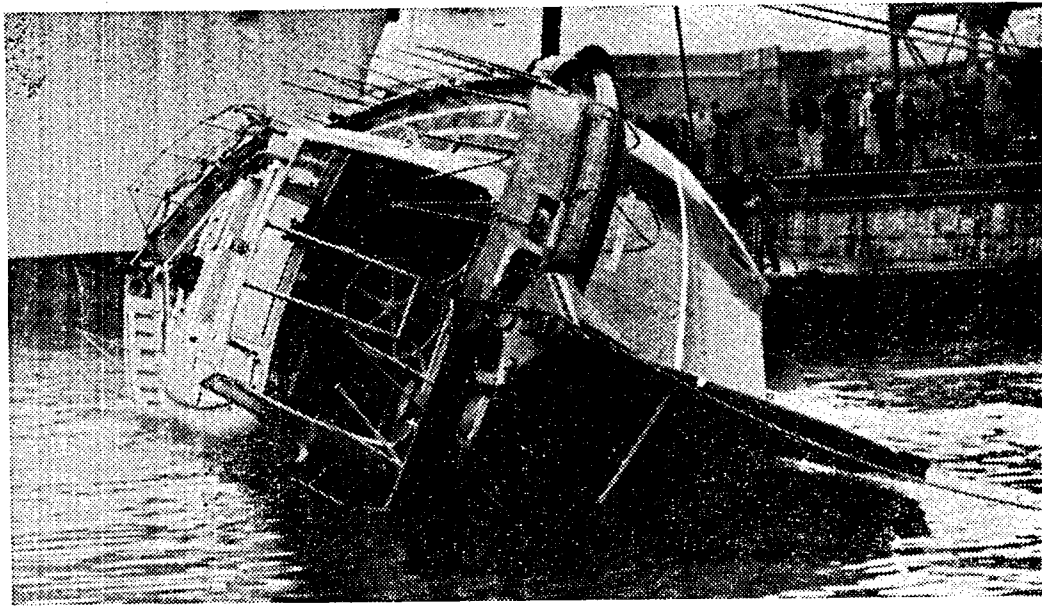
So you see, the greater part of the work of a local council is done in the committee room.



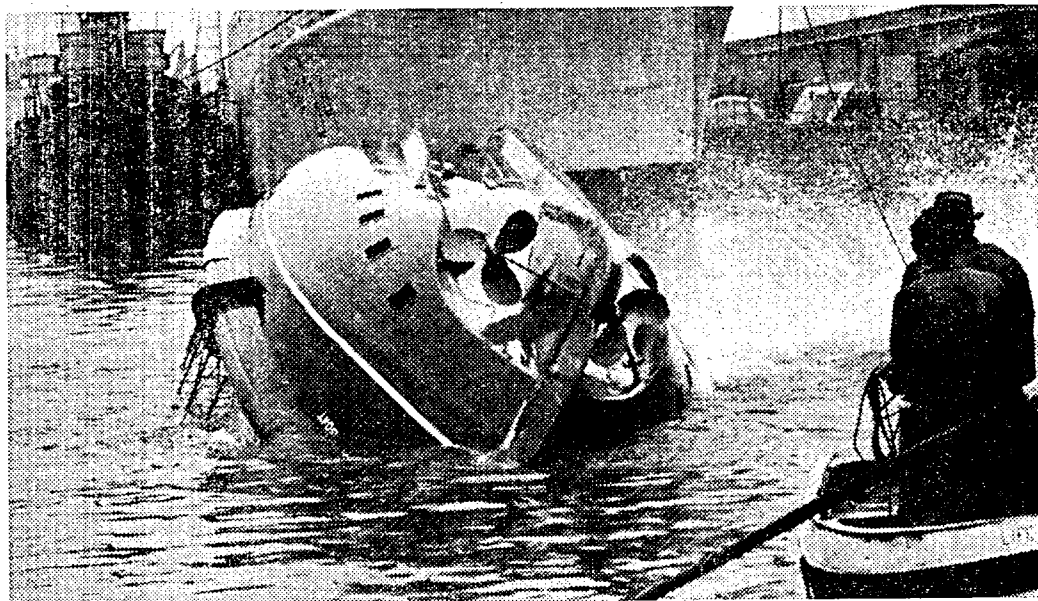
This controlled pedestrian crossing is the responsibility of the Highways Committee

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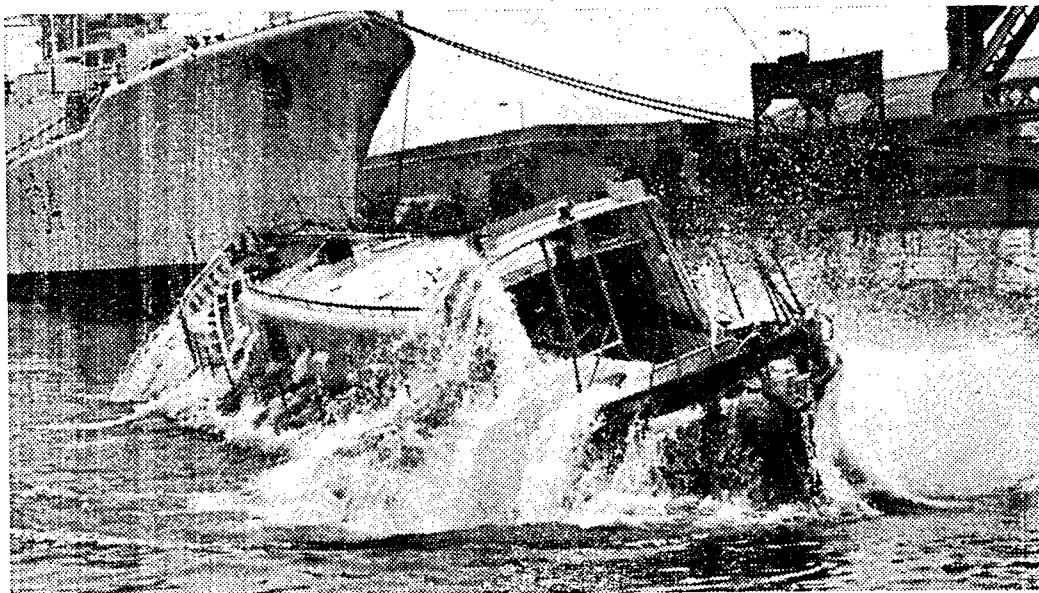
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## NEWS IN PICTURES

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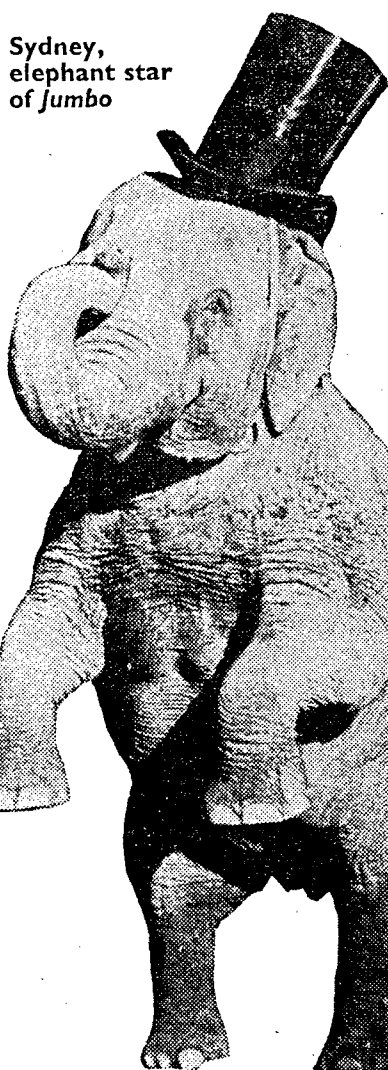
### "OSCARS"



Mr. Ed, the talking horse



Zamba, star of *The Lion*



Sydney, elephant star of *Jumbo*

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# Tizer

THE APPETIZER

... let's get at our favourite sparkliest drink. Mum likes to see us enjoying our TIZER. Says it gives us an appetite, but we like it 'cos it's nice. Mum likes it, too. Hope she remembers to get some more ...

## NEWTS IN THE POND

THE newts which live in our local ponds are interesting creatures and there are three British species: the Smooth, or Common Newt; the Palmate Newt; and the Great Warty, or Crested Newt.

A clever thing about newts is that they can re-grow parts of their bodies when injured.

Toes and even whole limbs will "grow" again, and so will their flattened tails. The damaged or lost feature is usually reproduced complete. But sometimes freak growths have been recorded, such as branched or double tails, extra toes and legs.

When you go newtling in ponds in the spring and early summer, look carefully among your catches to see if by any chance you get a "freak." It would be a fine addition to the school aquarium.

Another fascinating thing about newts concerns their breeding. Frogs and toads fertilise the eggs *after* they have been expelled from the bodies of

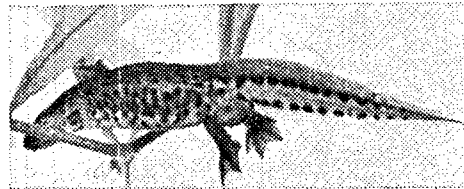
done, the sperms inside the packet, or *spermatophore* as it should be called, in due course break out and fertilise the true eggs which are by then developed in the female's body. This is really internal fertilising, though an important part of the early stage takes place outside, as I have explained.



Crested Newt

The actual laying of the eggs is quite a wonderful process, for each egg is laid on the underside of a leaf of pondweed and then, with her feet, the female curls the leaf over so as to protect the egg, fastening it with a sort of cement which she produces from her own body.

As each female, according to species, may lay between 200 and 400 eggs, it will be seen that they have a busy time when the breeding season starts!



Palmate Newt

the females. But in the newts there is a curious mixture of external and internal fertilising.

When the newts are in breeding condition—late March, April, and into May—the male newt will deposit on the bottom of the pond, in some clear place among the plants, a tiny "packet" of a jelly-like substance which looks like a minute collar stud. The female will then position herself over this "packet" and take it up with the lips of her vent. This

### SANCTUARY FOR FLAMINGOES

British bird-watchers hope to raise £6,000 towards the £200,000 needed by the World Wildlife Fund to preserve a sanctuary for flamingoes in the Coto Donana region of southern Spain.

## American Girls Are So Grown Up!



Jonquil  
Antony's  
Column

THIS week I want to tell you a bit about your "cousins" in the USA.

I've just been reading how some High School girls there answered questions about themselves. I wonder if you'll agree with their views?

Girls in Michigan were asked what they thought about make-up. They felt they should be allowed to wear lipstick at 13, "because," they said, "that's the age when you're at your most awkward. A little bit of colour gives you confidence."

Fourteen-year-olds answered questions about parties, boyfriends, and making extra pocket-money. They thought you should keep with friends of your own age, and sex. But parties *could* be mixed, though people were liable to get into groups of the same sexes and ages. "Solo" dates with a boy shouldn't begin till you were 15, they felt.

As far as making money went, baby-sitting was the main item: "A good rule about ages for baby-sitting," they decided, "is 13 for a next-door neighbour (with your own Mum next door within call); 14 for family friends; and 15 for strangers who are friends of friends." Personally, I think that's a bit young all round to be left alone with a baby!

As regards clothes, a younger group of nine- and ten-year-olds said they already *wanted* to choose and buy their own clothes. But they did agree they were too young. However, they said they liked to get small things themselves—scarves and socks and so on. They thought this kind of shopping was valuable because it helped them to make up their minds.

In the home, they thought you should make your own bed at nine, do the washing-up at twelve, and light laundry at 14. By the time you were 17 you should be able to cook so well that "you could take over for Mother!"

Anyway, everyone ended up with marriage.

Never, they agreed, while still in your teens. Someone said wisely, "The trouble is that you're still susceptible then to mad crushes." Even if you think "this is it," you should wait until at least 20—and be sure!



# True Animal Adventures

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## A GAZELLE

by Karen Blixen

OUR true adventure story this week is taken from a book entitled *Out of Africa*, by Karen Blixen, who once owned a farm in Africa. She was a great animal lover, and many of the wild animals in the area seemed to sense this, for they were always visiting her farm.

One morning a fawn was brought to her by some native boys, and she immediately adopted it. The fawn was named Lulu, which is the Swahili word for pearl, and this is her story . . .

LULU was a young antelope of the bushbuck tribe, which is perhaps the prettiest of African antelopes. Bushbucks are a little bigger than the fallow-deer; they live in the woods, or in the bush, and are shy, so that they are not seen as often as the antelopes of the plains. But the Ngong Hills, and the surrounding country, were good places for bushbuck, and if you had your camp in the hills, and were out hunting in the early morning, or at sunset, you would see them come out of the bush into the glades, and as the rays of the sun fell upon them their coat shone red as copper. The male has a pair of delicately turned horns.

Lulu became a member of my household in this way:

I drove one morning from the farm to Nairobi. My mill on the farm had burnt down a short time before, and I had had to drive into town many times to get the insurance settled and paid out.

This early morning I had my head filled with figures and estimates. As I came driving along the Ngong road a little group of Kikuyu children shouted to me from the roadside, and I saw that they were holding a very young bushbuck up for me to see. I knew that they would have found the fawn in the bush, and that now they wanted to sell it to me, but I was late for an appointment in Nairobi, so I drove on.

When I was coming back in the evening and was driving past the same place, there was again a great shout from the side of the road. The small party was still there, a little tired and disappointed, for they may have tried to sell the fawn to other people passing by in the course of the day; but keen now to get the deal through before the sun was down, and they held up the fawn high to tempt me. But I had had a long day in town, so that I just drove on past them again. I did not even think of them when I was back in my house, and dined and went to bed.

THE moment that I had fallen asleep I was woken up again by a great feeling of terror. The picture of the boys and the small buck stood out before me, clearly, as if it had been painted, and I sat up in bed, appalled. What, I thought, would become of the fawn in the hands of the capturers who had stood with it in the heat of the long day, and had held it up by its joined legs? It was surely too young to eat on its own.

I got up in a real panic and woke up all my houseboys. I told them that the fawn must be found and brought to me in the morning, or they would all of them get their dismissal from my service. They were immediately up to the idea. Two of my boys had been in the car with me the same day, and they came forward, and gave the others a long list of details of the place and the hour and the family of the boys.

Early next morning, when Farah brought me in my tea, Juma came in with him and carried the fawn in his arms. It was a female, and we named her Lulu, which I was told was Swahili for a pearl.

LULU was very small, with large quiet purple eyes. She had such delicate legs that you

feared they would not bear being folded up and unfolded again, as she lay down and rose up. Her ears were smooth as silk and exceedingly expressive. Her nose was as black as a truffle.

Lulu soon adapted herself to the house and its inhabitants and behaved as if she were at home. During the first weeks the polished floors in the rooms were a problem in her life, and when she got off the carpets her legs went away from her to all four sides; but she did not let it worry her much, and in the end she learnt

a gallant, generous character. He accompanied me when, during the first months of the war, I did transport for the government, with ox-wagons in the Masai Reserve. But a couple of years later he was killed by zebra. By the time that Lulu came to live in my house I had two of his sons there.

The Scotch deerhound went well with African scenery and the African native.

They looked well in the native forests, too, dark grey in the sombre green shades. One of them, in there, all by himself, killed a big old male baboon, and in the fight had his nose bitten straight through, which spoilt his noble profile, but by everybody on the farm was considered an honourable scar, for the baboons are destructive beasts and the natives detest them.

the farm for hours, or for a whole afternoon.

ONE evening she did not come home, and we looked out for her in vain for a week. This was a hard blow to us all. I thought of the leopards by the river, and one evening I talked about them to Kamante.

As usual he waited some time before he answered. It was not till a few days later that he approached me upon the matter. "You believe that Lulu is dead, Msabu," he said.

I did not like to say so straight out, but I told him I was wondering why she did not come back.

"Lulu," said Kamante, "is not dead. But she is married."

This was pleasant, surprising news. I asked him how he knew.

"Oh yes," he said, "she is

ground sloped, it gleamed with the dew like dim silver.

SUDDENLY, gently, the summits of the hills caught the first sunlight and blushed. A bird began to sing, and then I heard, a little way off in the forest, the tinkling of a bell. Yes, it was a joy, Lulu was back! The bell came nearer, I could follow her movements by its rhythm; she was walking, stopping, walking on again.

A turning round one of the boys' huts brought her upon us.

She stood immovable now; she seemed to be prepared for the sight of Kamante, but not for that of me. But she did not make off. She remembered me enough to feel that I was nothing to be afraid of.

For a minute she gazed at me; her purple smoky eyes were absolutely without expression and did not wink. She lightly nipped a leaf of grass as she passed me, made one pretty little leap, and walked on to the back of the kitchen, where Kamante had spread maize on the ground.

Kamante touched my arm with one finger and then pointed towards the woods. As I followed the direction, I saw, under a tall Cape-chestnut-tree, a male bushbuck, a small tawny silhouette at the outskirts of the forest, with a fine pair of horns, immovable like a tree-stem.

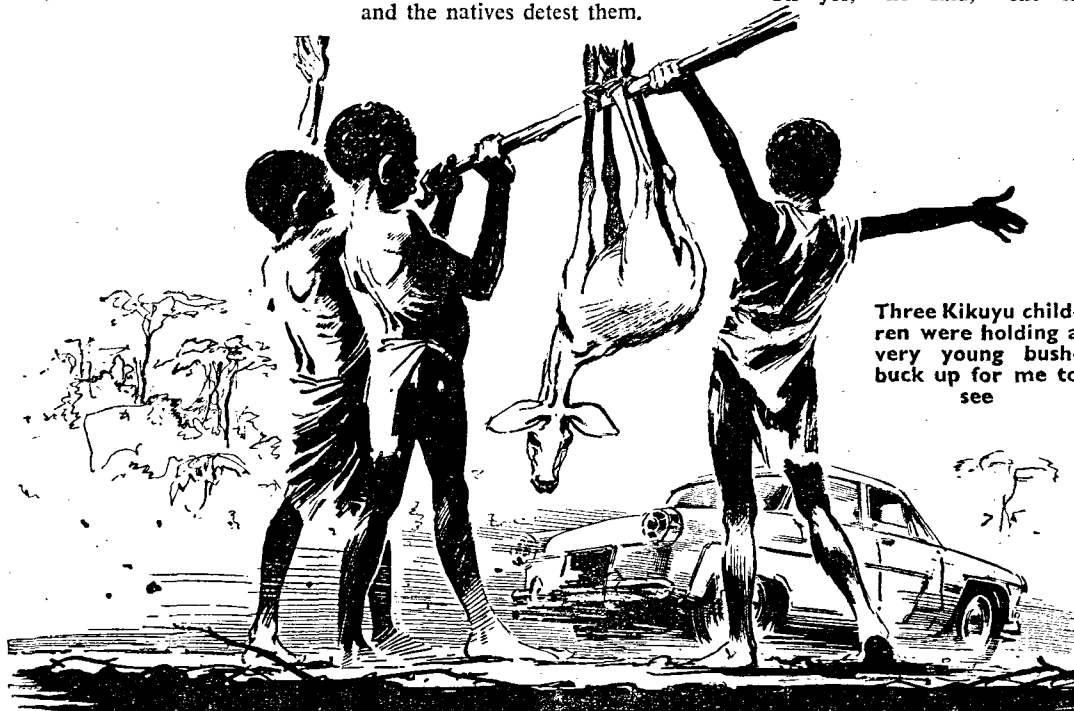
Kamante observed him for some time, and then laughed.

"Look here now," he said, "Lulu has explained to her husband that there is nothing up by the trees to be afraid of, but all the same he dares not come. Every morning he thinks that today he will come all the way, but, when he sees the house and the people, he gets a cold stone in the stomach—and then he stops by the tree."

FOR a long time Lulu came to the house in the early mornings. Her clear bell announced that the sun was upon the hills; I used to lie in bed and wait for it. Sometimes she stayed away for a week or two, and we missed her, but then again my houseboys announced: "Lulu is here," as if it had been the married daughter of the house on a visit. A few times more I also saw the bushbuck's silhouette among the trees, but Kamante had been right, and he never collected courage to come all the way to the house.

One day, as I came back from Nairobi, Kamante was keeping watch for me outside the kitchen door, and stepped forward, much excited, to tell me that Lulu had been to the farm the same day and had had her Toto—her baby—with her. Some days after, I myself had the honour to meet her among the boys' huts with a very small fawn at her heels. This was just after the long rains, and, during those summer months, Lulu was to be found near the houses, in the afternoon, as well as at daybreak. She would even be round there at midday, keeping in the shadow of the huts.

Lulu's fawn was not afraid of the dogs, and would let them sniff him all over, but he could not get used to the natives or to me, and if we ever tried to get hold of him, the mother and the child were off.



Three Kikuyu children were holding a very young bushbuck up for me to see

to walk on the bare floors with a sound like a succession of little angry finger-taps.

Kamante brought her up on a sucking bottle, and he also shut her up at night, for we had to be careful of her as the leopards were up round the house after nightfall. So she held to him and followed him about. From time to time when he did not do what she wanted, she gave him thin legs a hard butt with her young head.

IN Africa I never had dogs of any other breed than the Scotch deerhound. There is no more noble or gracious kind of dog. They must have lived for many centuries with men to understand and fall in with our life and its conditions the way they do.

The first of my tribe of deerhounds, who was named Dusk, had come out with me when I began my life in Africa. He was

Now my dogs understood Lulu's power and position in the house. The arrogance of the great hunters was like water with her. She pushed them away from the milk bowl and from their favourite places in front of the fire. I had tied a small bell on a rein round Lulu's neck, and there came a time when the dogs, when they heard the jingle of it approaching through the rooms, would get up resignedly from their warm beds by the fireplace, and go and lie down in some other part of the room.

When Lulu grew up, she was a slim, delicately rounded doe, from her nose to her toes unbelievably beautiful. She looked wise and gentle. But Lulu was not really gentle; she had the so-called devil in her.

Lulu was the pride of the house; but we did not make her happy. Sometimes she walked away from

married. She lives in the forest with her *bwana*—her husband, or master. "But she has not forgotten the people; most mornings she is coming back to the house. I lay out crushed maize for her at the back of the kitchen, then just before the sun comes up, she walks round there from the woods and eats it. Her husband is with her, but he is afraid of the people because he has never known them. He stands below the big white tree by the other side of the lawn. But up to the houses he dares not come."

I told Kamante to come and fetch me when he next saw Lulu. A few days later before sunrise he came and called me out.

It was a lovely morning. The last stars withdrew while we were waiting. The sky was clear and serene, but the world in which we walked was sombre still, and profoundly silent. The grass was wet; down by the trees where the

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**C. W. HILL****THERE** was great excitement in Newfoundland 44 years ago this week. The *Daily Mail* had offered a prize of £10,000 to the first airmail to fly across the Atlantic in less than 72 hours.

During the spring of 1919 several British and American fliers had been waiting impatiently for a break in the weather. Among them were an Australian, Harry Hawker, and his co-pilot, Lieutenant-Commander K. M. Grieve.

Hawker and Grieve planned to start on 16th April. But the weather was so stormy that they could not take off in their Sopwith biplane until 18th May.

Even then the weather proved treacherous and a failure in the engine cooling-system added to the airmen's troubles. By the morning of 19th May, still a thousand miles from the nearest point of Ireland, they realised that they would have to "ditch."

**Aircraft in the sea**

Fortunately, a Danish steamer was near enough to rescue the airmen, and their aircraft was later salvaged by an American ship, which towed it into Falmouth. Even the mailbag, containing about a hundred letters, was saved, soaked in sea-water but intact.

These letters, which would have been the first to cross the Atlantic by air, had been franked by 3-cents Newfoundland stamps overprinted "First Trans-Atlantic Air Post, April, 1919." Only 200

stamps were given this special overprint and they are now very rare. The example pictured below is being offered for sale by

**Harry Hawker in the cockpit.**

IN contrast to the machines of those early air pioneers is the modern four-engined airliner on the Finnish stamp pictured here. It is a 3-marks airmail value to be issued later this year.



ISRAEL is also issuing some new airmail stamps. There are three of them and each shows an Israeli wild bird in its natural colours. On the 20-agorot value, pictured here, is the Smyrna kingfisher.

These new stamps have been designed by a young Israeli artist.



Miriam Karoly, who lives in Haifa. She has designed many previous Israeli stamps and also some for the Ghana Post Office.

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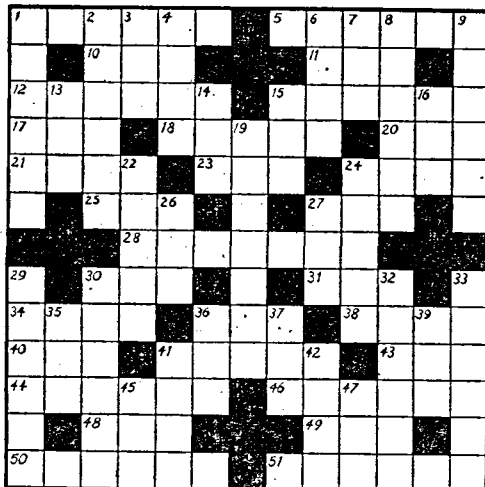
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# PICK A PUZZLE

## Crossword puzzle



**ACROSS:** 1 Smallest measurement of time. 5 Spider's net. 10 To be in debt. 11 Tune to breathe? 12 Horn of deer. 15 Dress. 17 Decay. 18 Lowness. 20 Weight. 21 Cease. 23 Expected. 24 Cast off. 25 Hard fruit. 27 To stretch out. 28 Thoughtful. 30 Part of fish. 31 Assist. 34 Rear appendage. 36 Chest bone. 38 Famous Roman fiddler. 40 Possess. 41 Restrained. 43 Illuminated. 44 Logic. 46 Sensitivity. 48 Allow. 49 Month. 50 To boil. 51 Population count.

**DOWN:** 1 Thinly scattered. 2 Type of cloth. 3 Nocturnal bird. 4 Require. 6 Vow. 7 Morsel. 8 Squirm. 9 Mixtures. 13 Word expressing denial. 14 Colour. 15 Consumed. 16 Fish eggs. 19 Act of following. 22 Student. 24 Quantity of wool or yarn. 26 Half a score. 27 Girl's name. 29 Rages. 30 End of the play. 32 Postpones. 33 Electors. 35 Wonder. 36 Hastened. 37 Resting place. 39 To erect. 41 One, and another. 42 Rounded roof. 45 Series of games in tennis. 47 Sunburn.

## OUT OF DATE

Here are five dates, four of which have something in common. But the fifth is out of place among its companions. Which—and why?

March 31st, April 30th, June 31st, August 31st, November 30th.

## Buildings in columns

First, find the answers to the following clues. If you do so correctly, the initial and last letters in the answers will, when read downwards, spell the names of two places of worship.

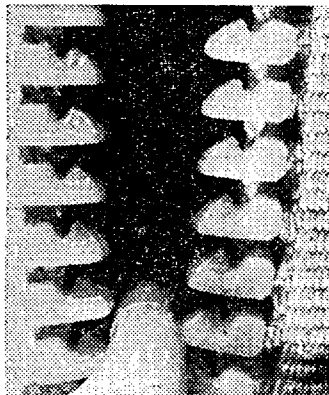
One can get medical or dental treatment here.

Jemima Puddleduck wanted to do this to her own eggs.

Country of Central Africa. Frolic.

Form of lighting. He wrote "The Messiah."

## Have a Guess!



X-ray picture, hair combs, fish-bones, or ... ?

## A GAZELLE

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Lulu herself would never, after her first long absence from the house, come so near to any of us that we could touch her. In other ways she was friendly; she understood that we wanted to look at her fawn, and she would take a piece of sugar-cane from an outstretched hand. She walked up to the open dining-room door, but she never again crossed the threshold.

The two antelopes, the big and the small, were round by my house all that summer; sometimes there was an interval of a fortnight, or three weeks, between their visits, but at other times we saw them every day. In the beginning of the next rainy season my houseboys told me that Lulu had come back with a new fawn.

**T**HE years in which Lulu and her people came round to my house were the happiest of my life in Africa.

This extract is taken from *Out of Africa* by Karen Blixen, published by Putnam & Co., Ltd.

## Battle from Numbers

Can you, from the clues below, find the name of a battle which greatly changed the balance of power in Europe? The numbers indicate the position of the letters in the answer.

A small species of duck emerges with 3426.

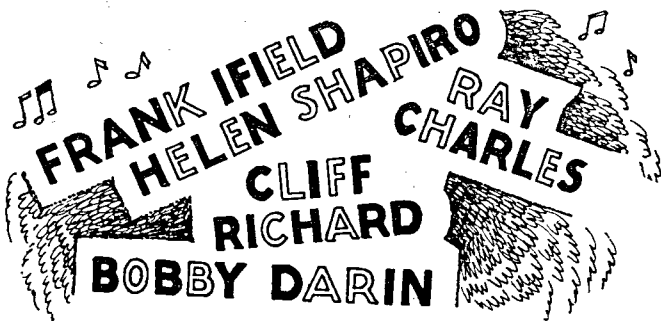
A 5783 is generally to be found below ground.

There is said to be no substitute for 1786.

Keep wide-awake with 26453. There's a nobleman in 4256.

They always 67145 the flag at sunset.

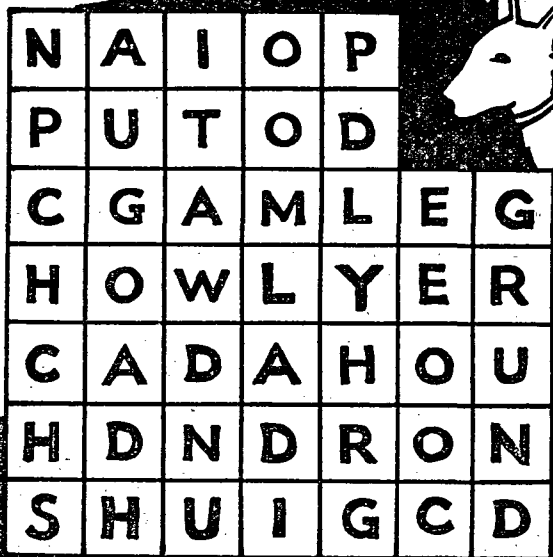
## ANIMALS AMONG THE SINGERS



HERE are the names of five "pop" singers. Can you take the white letters from each name and re-arrange them to spell that of a well-known animal?

This puzzle, like that in CN for 11th May, is based on a suggestion by Josephine Hayes (13) of Ilfracombe.

## TRACE THE DOGS!



By starting in one corner and passing through each square, the letters will form the names of seven breeds of dog. Now see how quickly you can trace them.

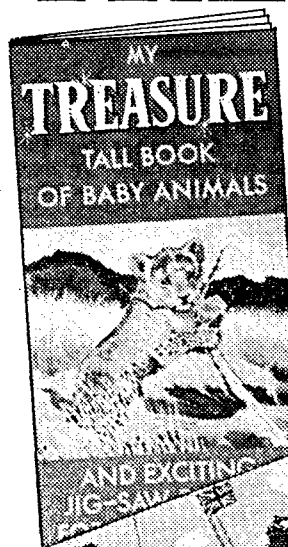
## ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

**Crossword.** **ACROSS:** 1 Second. 5 Cobweb. 10 Owe. 11 Air. 12 Antler. 15 Attire. 17 Rot. 18 Depth. 20 Ton. 21 Stop. 23 Due. 24 Shed. 25 Nut. 27 Eke. 28 Pensive. 30 Fin. 31 Aid. 34 Tail. 36 Rib. 38 Nero. 40 Own. 41 Bated. 43 Lit. 44 Reason. 46 Dotage. 48 Let. 49 May. 50 Seethe. 51 Census. **DOWN:** 1 Sparse. 2 Cotton. 3 Owl. 4 Need. 6 Oath. 7 Bit. 8 Writhe. 9 Blends. 13 Not. 14 Red. 15 Ate. 16 Roe. 19 Pursuit. 22 Pupil. 24 Skein. 26 Ten. 27 Eva. 29 Storms. 30 Finale. 32 Delays. 33 Voters. 35 Awe. 36 Ran. 37 Bed. 39 Rig. 41 Both. 42 Dome. 45 Set. 47 Tan.

Trace the dogs: Poodle, greyhound, corgi, dalmatian, pug, chow, dachshund. Battle from numbers: Waterloo (Final defeat of Napoleon, 18th June, 1815.) Animals among the singers: Elk, sheep, hare, calf, boar. Out of date: There is no June 31st. The others are last days of respective months. Have a Guess! Zip fastener. What? Where? When?

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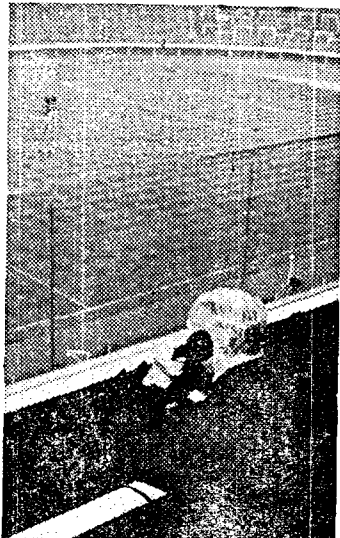
Wembley Stadium stages its two biggest matches of the soccer season next week, with the final of the European Cup (Wednesday, 22nd) and of the F.A. Cup three days later. Now that the roofing of the stadium has been finished, all who see the games will be under cover.

To take a look at the roof—and to see other reconstruction work which has been going on since 1961—C N's Sports Editor went along with our Staff Photographer to Wembley the other morning . . .

by the  
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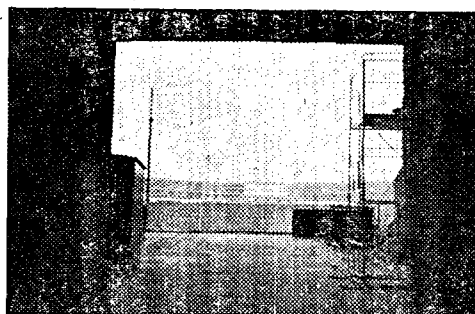
My colleague and I started by going up to the great roof, making our way across it on the gangplanks used by workmen still busy up there. Then we went up on to a gantry of the great flood-lighting system, to see more clearly the vast expanse of aluminium and glass-fibre roofing. This was the lid of Wembley Stadium, a lid which has made it the only ground in the world with cover for 100,000 spectators. From this great height the groundsmen



tending the pitch below appeared like figures in the land of Lilliput. From here we went along a covered way, immediately under the roof, to the fine new Press Gallery, 300 feet long and with seats for 250 sports writers, who can prepare their reports and telephone their offices while they watch the match below. In the



Left: Sports writer's view from the Press Gallery. Right: The "tunnel" from the dressing-rooms.



stand opposite, work was still going on in the gallery for TV and radio commentators. In that same stand, new seating accommodation had been arranged for 15,000 people.

As we made our way down to the ground we passed many workmen still busily engaged on the task of reconstruction, which will eventually cost something like £500,000.

Having visited the dressing-rooms and walked up through the "tunnel," we stepped on to the pitch itself. We crossed the lush, green turf to mount the narrow

steps—used by so many famous players on their way to a royal handshake—leading to the Royal Box. Here, too, there had been much reconstruction. Right in front was a gold-painted wicker chair, in a sea of royal blue ones!

From the Royal Box, one could see every inch of the ground; and, with the terracing no longer open, to the skies, the stadium appeared much smaller. But there is no change in the limiting of capacity to 100,000 spectators—45,000 having seats.

To have seen the Stadium at such a time was a real experience.

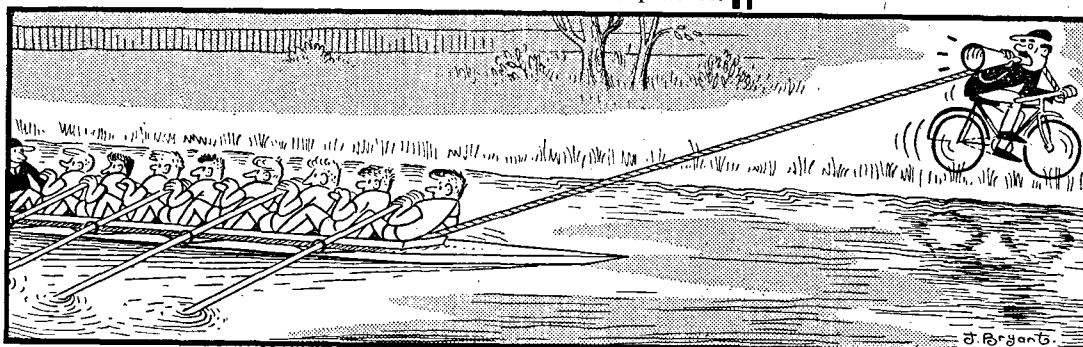
## Good Luck, Spurs!

ALL Britain will be behind Tottenham Hotspur in their bid to win the European Cup Winners' Cup this Wednesday. In the final at Rotterdam they meet tough opponents in Atletico Madrid. But with the extra skill and courage they seem to find on the big occasion, Spurs, first British team to reach the final, could well win.

## WICKET WOMEN

THE Australian women cricketers are due to play their first match next Monday, a one-day game against a West XI at Torquay. On the following Saturday (25th May) they meet the West of England in a two-day match on the Somersetshire county ground at Taunton.

## ALL-ROUND ALFIE



HERE is the first of four articles on Fly Fishing. To start with we'll talk about some of the basic tackle.

First of all, let me say that fly fishing, which is regarded as the highest form of angling, is expensive. A decent rod costs about £10, though glass-fibre ones are cheaper. Most trout rods are of built cane, have an "all through" action, and are from

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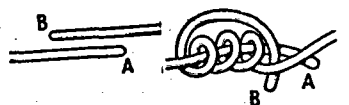
seven to ten feet in length.

A fly rod is made to throw a certain weight of line. For instance, if you were using a nine-foot trout rod you would have a No. 2 or 3 line, but if you were fishing for salmon with a 13-foot rod, you would need the heavier No. 5.

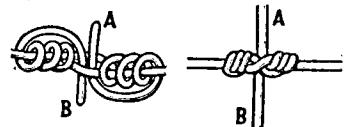
Lines are usually made of oil-dressed silk, and, because they have to be cast a considerable distance and carry a fly with them, they have to be heavy. The weight is distributed in two ways by means of what is known as a taper, which means that the line gets thinner towards the end.

The simpler (and cheaper) kind is known as single-taper and is thinnest at the end on which the cast is tied. A more expensive line (at about £3) is the double-taper. This narrows at both ends.

## JOINING KNOT



Above: Place the ends of each line (A and B) together; then round the standing part of A take 3 turns with line B. Take the end of B and pass it through the loop where A crosses B. Below: To form the second part of the knot, procedure is exactly the reverse of above. Finally, pull standing lines taut and snip off loose ends A and B.



The usual length for a fly-casting line is about 30 yards for trout, and 40 yards for salmon.

Reels are of the centre-pin type. They should be about 3½ inches in diameter for trout and 4 inches for salmon, and should have a check. Also, make sure that you select a reel with a deep drum, since fly lines, together with about 50 yards of nylon backing, take up a great deal of room.

The reel, complete with line, should be tested for balance on your rod before you decide to buy it. The tackle shop will help you over this.

Casts, also tapered like the line, and ready for tying flies to, can be bought from your dealer. But it's cheaper to make your own.

A fairly simple method is to tie together (using the joining knot illustrated) three separate lengths of nylon, from heavy to light in weight. On the thick end of your cast make a loop for attaching the fly line.

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